REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2004. Claims 1-14 were

pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner

rejected Claims 1-14. Applicants have amended claims 1, 7, and 13 and canceled claims 8 and 14.

Claims 1-7 and 9-13 are now pending.

I. **Summary of Office Action**

Claims 1-3, 5-11, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Zahavi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,577,859), hereinafter Zahavi, in view of Cannon et al. (U.S. Patent

No. 6,393,272), hereinafter Cannon.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zahavi in view of

Cannon and further in view of Levy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,577.067), hereinafter Levy, or Satio

(U.S. Patent No. 6,526,263), hereinafter Satio.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zahavi in view of

Cannon and further in view of Bremer (U.S. Patent No. 6,018,671), hereinafter Bremer.

II. Response to Objections and Rejections

On January 6, 2005, Examiner Rexford Barnie extended the courtesy of a telephone

interview to Applicants' representative, Bryon Wasserman. During the interview, Examiner

Barnie agreed that the present amendments would distinguish the claims over the cited prior art.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the

subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The

Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in

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expediting issuance of a patent. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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